

Protect Your Home

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Hurricane Preparation for Your Home

In addition to the normal hurricane preparation recommended by Ready America, you can take these additional steps to protect your home and crawl space:

Clean your gutters

Clogged gutters overflow and the water that's meant to drain away from your home will end up draining right next to your crawl space foundation.

Extend your downspouts

Extend your downspouts 7-10 feet away from your home. Extending your downspout drainage will help keep your crawl space dry in the event of heavy rain.

Check yard grading

Check the grade around your home. If there are any areas that don't slope away from your foundation, fill them in with soil to create a slope. This will help drain water away from your crawl space foundation.

Replace your crawl space vents

If you're in an area prone to flooding replace your crawl space vents with flood vents. Flood vents are designed to relieve the water pressure when your crawl space floods.

Check your sump pump

If you have a sump pump make sure it's working properly. In the event of a power outage it's always good to have a battery backup to ensure your sump pump will continue to work.

Remember to take a few precautions before the storm. A few simple preparation steps can end up saving you a lot time, money and stress. And if you're not sure about the safety of your crawl space, we're here to answer your questions.